

PETER WAS SLEEPING! This is one of the most astounding statements in the New Testament. Peter was in prison facing the same fate as James, who was “killed with the sword” by King Herod. It was the night before he planned to bring Peter before the people who had been “pleased” with the execution of James. Herod sought more of their support and would gain it by doing the same to Peter

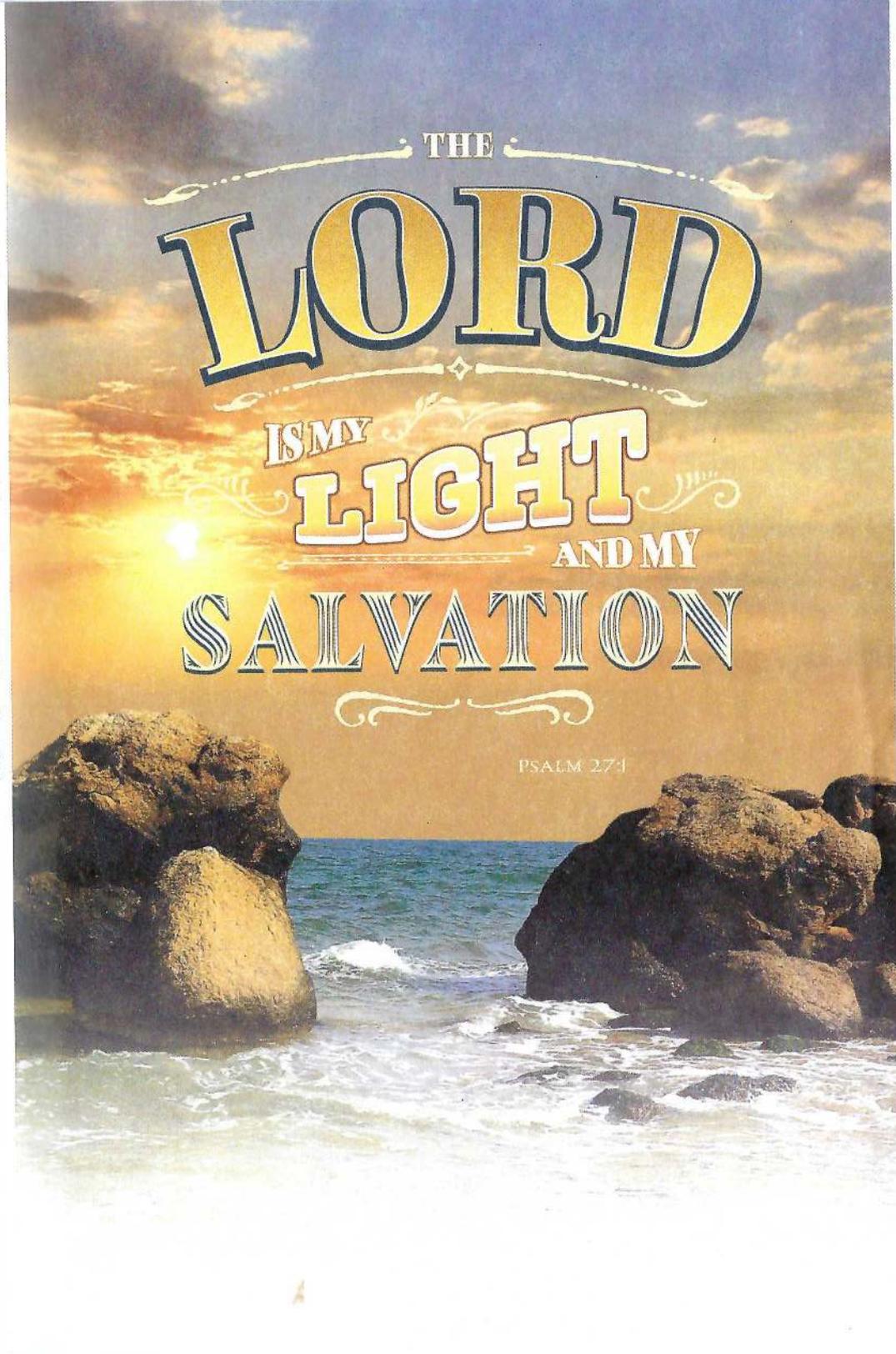
So this was the night before Peter’s probable execution, and Acts 12:6 says, “Peter was sleeping.” When we think about our lives and the pressures, worries or fears we all face from time to time, one of the first things we lose is the ability to get a good night’s sleep. I know I have lost sleep over things much less significant than my impending execution.

How could Peter sleep? I think it is seen in the early Church’s recognition of the absolute sovereign Lordship of Christ. In Acts 4:24 the believers lifted their voices and said, “Lord, thou art God.” In Acts 10:36 they proclaimed that Jesus is “Lord of all,” and throughout Acts they call Jesus “Lord” over 100 times! They understood that a greater King than Herod was in charge and they could trust Him completely—even on the eve of execution.

Peter was sleeping! God says that we, too, can trust Him, that He gives sleep to His beloved (Psalm 127:2), and that our sleep will be sweet (Proverbs 3:24). So as you go to sleep tonight, turn all your concerns over to our Sovereign Lord, trust Him for every detail in every area of your life, and then sleep well!

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THE
LORD

IS MY
LIGHT

AND MY

SALVATION

PSALM 27:1

Covenant Church

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Call to Worship

Invocation

Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #8 Come Thou Almighty King

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn # 602 I Have decided to Follow Jesus

Offertory Prayer

Michelle Miller

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Sermon:

Reverend Don Mauldin

Hymn of Benediction

#815 Doxology

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Covenant News

This month's Covenant ministry is the Costas Family Ministry in Brazil. They recently took a team of 26 on a mission trip to the Amazon where they provided health care for 4 villages.

Time for a Laugh!

It seems there was this minister who just had all of his remaining teeth pulled and new dentures were being made.

The first Sunday, he only preached 10 minutes.

The second Sunday, he preached only 20 minutes.

But, on the third Sunday, he preached 1 hour 25 minutes.

When asked about this by some of the congregation, he responded this way.

The first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk.

The second Sunday, my dentures were hurting a lot.

The third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures... and I couldn't stop talking!

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me, too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"